

Amendments to the Claims

1-45. (CANCELLED)

46. (Previously Presented) A wireless communication device, comprising:

- a read only memory for storing a list comprising area codes, at least a portion of which are authorized area codes, the read only memory also for storing one or more authorized geographic areas, wherein each authorized geographic area comprises absolute or relative position information;

- a user interface for accepting an inputted phone number having an area code;

- a global positioning system (GPS) device for determining a current location of the wireless communication device;

- a controller connected to the read only memory, the user interface, and the GPS device, the controller configured to determine whether the inputted phone number will incur a charge based on an evaluation of at least the area code, the current location, and the list comprising area codes and the one or more authorized geographic areas stored in the read only memory, wherein the controller is further configured to permit placement of a phone call to the inputted phone number only if the area code is an authorized area code and the current location of the wireless communication device is within an authorized geographic area.

47. (CANCELLED)

48. (Previously Presented) The wireless communication device of claim 46, wherein at least a portion of the list comprising area codes are unauthorized area codes; and

wherein the controller is configured to block a phone call to the inputted number if the area code is an unauthorized area code or the current location of the wireless communication device is not within an authorized geographic area.

49-58. (CANCELLED)

59. (Withdrawn) A computer readable medium on a wireless communication device having stored thereon one or more sequences of instructions for causing one or more microprocessors to perform the steps for restricting a requested communication, the steps comprising:

- storing in a read only memory of the wireless communication device a plurality of communication characteristics comprising information regarding accrual of charges for communications associated with particular communication characteristics;

- receiving the requested communication, the requested communication having a communication characteristic;

- accessing the plurality of communication characteristics stored in read only memory of the wireless communication device;

- determining whether the requested communication will accrue a charge based on an evaluation of the plurality of communication characteristics and the requested communication; and

- providing a response to the requested communication indicating that the requested communication is unauthorized.

60. (Withdrawn) The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the requested communication is a phone call.

61. (Withdrawn) The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the provided response comprises a message presented on a user interface of the wireless communication device.

62. (Withdrawn) The computer readable medium of claim 59, wherein the provided response comprises a response played through a speaker of the wireless communication device.

63. (Currently Amended) A method for restricting a requested communication on a wireless communication device, comprising:

- storing in a read only memory of the wireless communication device one or more authorized geographic areas, wherein each authorized geographic area comprises absolute or relative position information;

- storing [[a]] in the read only memory of the wireless communication device one or more authorized telephone number area codes;

- receiving the requested communication, wherein the requested communication comprises a telephone number having an area code;

- determining whether the area code of the requested communication telephone number is an authorized telephone number area code stored in the read only memory of the wireless communication device;

- identifying a current location of the wireless communication device;

- determining whether the current location of the wireless communication device is within an authorized geographic area stored in the read only memory of the wireless communication device;

- initiating a call to the telephone number in the requested communication only if the area code of the requested communication telephone number is an authorized telephone number area code and the current location of the wireless communication device is within an authorized geographic area.

64. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the current location is an absolute global positioning system position.

65. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the current location is a relative global positioning system position.

66. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the determining whether the area code of the requested communication telephone number is an authorized telephone number area code comprises evaluating local toll charges.

67. (Previously presented) The method of claim 63, wherein the determining whether the area code of the requested communication telephone number is an authorized telephone number area code comprises evaluating long distance charges.